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Dear Mr Jenkin

Re: Staff employed in economic forecasting

As Chair of the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) I have been asked to reply to your recent question,

To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff in the Office of Budget Responsibility are employed to undertake economic forecasting; and how many of them have previously worked in HM Treasury. 50100

At the establishment of the permanent OBR, four members of HM Treasury staff were transferred to the OBR to undertake economic forecasting. The transfer was conducted under the processes governing machinery of government changes.

We have also recruited a further member of staff to conduct economic forecasting via an external competition process. That staff member has not previously worked at HM Treasury.

Yours sincerely



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